

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will a foot bridge at least be constructed this year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The foot bridge will be considered when the approach roads are formed.

Ayurvedic Dispensaries—Chalakkudi Constituency.

39. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Ayurvedic Dispensaries are there in the villages of Chalakkudi constituency;

(b) what is the average daily attendance at each of these dispensaries during last year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) One.

(b) About nine.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know where that dispensary is situated?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—At Kodakara.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are there not 15 villages? Will it be adequate for the 15 villages? Does the Government realise that?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes, there are. When funds are available it will be opened.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Do they propose to open a dispensary anywhere in the constituency?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—What is the annual expenditure for the dispensaries?

Mr. E. S. R. Menon.—Notice.

Panchayat Roads.

40. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of Panchayat roads in the State; and

(b) the total amount allotted by the Panchayat Department for the maintenance of these roads in 1110?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) About 700 miles.

(b) Rs. 32,178.

Panamkuttichira Tank.

41. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that the Panamkuttichira tank in the Ollur village is in a state of disrepair and in an insanitary condition;

(2) whether they have received requests from the public to clean it and reconstruct the bathing ghats;

(3) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, what steps they have taken to improve the tank?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) The tank is in need of certain repairs.

(2) Yes.

(3) A part provision of Rs. 1,000 has been made in the Panchayat budget of 1111 for repairing the tank.

Loan Department.

42. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what amount does the Loan Department now consume a month for establishment charge alone;

(b) what amount has been already spent on establishment and preliminaries since the announcement of the granting of economic depression relief loans by the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Rs. 2,745 per mensem.

N. B.— This figure is exclusive of the pay of the temporary staff entertained in Civil Courts.

(b) Rs. 22,991—2—9.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What will be the approximate cost consumed by the department by the time the loan will be fully distributed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It will be about Rs. 60,000. The amount actually spent so far comes to Rs. 39,000 and odd. Taking that six months more will be required to complete the work, the cost would come in the neighbourhood of Rs. 60,000.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So am I to understand that for distributing 5 lakhs, Government will have to spend Rs. 60,000?

Mr. President.—I ventured to give an explanation in my opening speech how no useful purpose will be served by that department. The charge is absolutely inexcusable. We will have to wind up the concern.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Our suggestion now is that some attention may be made to reduce the cost of this department. It is superfluous.